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1. In July 1955, the Musan Lumber mill was in the Tumen River basin at EB1725 and was under reconstruction because a fire partially destroyed it in August 1953. This mill was reportedly the largest mill in operation in North Korea during the Japanese occupation. 25X1
2. In July 1955, about 10 truckloads of pine trees, approximately seven meters long and 50 centimeters in diameter, were sent to the mill daily from the lumbering area on Paektu-san (DB2150). At the mill the trees were cut into railroad ties, planks, and boards about 5 centimeters thick for floor construction. Logs to be processed were often floated or rafted down the river from the Tumen River basin area. The mill was equipped with a railroad siding used for incoming materials and outgoing freight shipments. Most of the lumber processed at the mill was sent to the Machinery and Materials Administration in P'yongyang.<sup>1</sup>
3. The Musan Lumber mill employed about 280 persons<sup>2</sup>. There were 120 workers in each of the two factories operated by the mill; 10 office clerks, 10 carriers, and 20 processors who made wooden utensils. Clerks and carriers worked on a straight eight-hour day shift; other laborers worked on one of three eight-hour shifts. Forty employees worked on each eight-hour shift.
4. Heavy laborers received a daily food ration of 800 grams; clerks, light laborers, and Grade 6 employees received a daily food ration of 600 grams. Grade 6 employees were paid 1,180 won per month; laborers who loaded and unloaded open freight cars were paid on a piece-work basis and averaged 2,000 to 2,500 won per month. Single men lived in the mill-operated dormitory, two to a room, and paid 450 won monthly board. Married men with dependents lived in mill-operated houses. 25X1

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1.  gives more information on the Machinery

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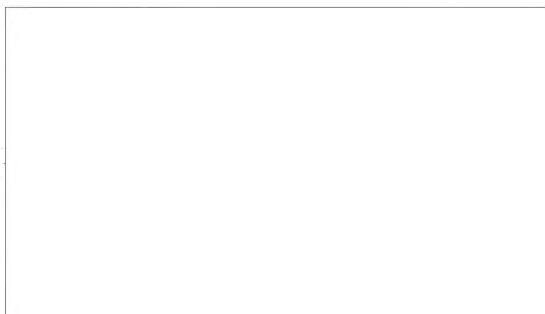
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and Materials Administration in P'yongyang.

2.  on 1 August 1955 this mill employed South Korean repatriates who had been given compulsory labor assignments.

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